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ABSTRACT

Two checklists are provided as a recommended collection for prison law libraries. The first list is for a minimum collection and the second for an expanded collection. Each entry includes place of publication, publisher, dates, number of volumes, and prices. Information on necessary shelf space and a directory of publishers is also included. (JG)

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Introduction

This booklet contains two lists of books recommended for prison law libraries. List One, a list of law books for a minimum collection in a prison library is just that: a minimum collection. In the opinion of this subcommittee, anything less than the collection in List One will be inadequate for the most basic legal research that might be done by a prisoner or the type of "jailhouse lawyer" contemplated by the Supreme Court in Avery v. Johnson (393 U.S. 483).

List Two is an expanded list for a reasonably adequate prison law library and should suffice for most legal research by prisoners. List Two contains court decisions starting in 1950, but it is strongly recommended that those institutions that can afford it purchase court decisions starting with volume one of each set.

The Publisher's Directory on page 9 lists the full name and address of the publishers. The list is arranged alphabetically by publisher's abbreviated name.

It is often necessary for prisoner researchers to request books or photocopies of materials not included in their own libraries. In such cases they can find out which law libraries will assist them by consulting the directory, Law Libraries Which Offer Service to Prisoners.

We sincerely hope that prison administrators and others responsible for law libraries in prisons will find these lists helpful in selecting materials that will make their libraries realistic research centers for prisoner self-help. We recognize that self-help is merely an expedient substitute for the advice and assistance of legal counsel, but it seems to be a more attainable goal for the present.

Assistance in obtaining information about the materials listed herein, or legal publications generally, may be had by calling upon law librarians in each state, especially those at the libraries listed in Law Libraries Which Offer Service to Prisoners. That directory can be obtained from the headquarters of the American Association of Law Libraries, 53 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

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CHECKLIST ONE: MINIMUM COLLECTION FOR PRISON LAW LIBRARIES

I. Federal and State Prisons

A. Federal Materials

1. United States Code Annotated. Constitution; Titles 18; 28 (Sec. 2241-2255, Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rules of Supreme Court); 42 (Sec. 1981-1985). St. Paul: West. 26 vols. and pamphlet. $214.50 ($64.30 annual upkeep)

   or

   United States Code Service (Lawyers Edition). Constitution; Court Rules-Criminal Proceedings; Titles 18; 28 (Sec. 2241-2255); 42 (Sec. 1981-1985). Rochester: Lawyers Co-op /San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney. 7 vols. and pamphlet. $129.00 ($31? annual upkeep)

2. United States Reports. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office. 1960- vol. 361- 48 vols. $313.40 ($35 annual upkeep)

   or

   Supreme Court Reporter. St. Paul: West. 1960- vol. 80- 24 vols. $561.00 ($46.70 annual upkeep)

   or

   United States Supreme Court Reports. (Lawyers Edition 2d Series). Rochester: Lawyers Co-op/San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney. 1960- vol. 4- 32 vols. $522.50? ($82.50 annual upkeep)

3. Federal Reporter. (2d Series). St. Paul: West. 1960- vol. 273- 218 vols. $2,349.60 ($198 annual upkeep)

4. Federal Supplement. St. Paul: West. 1960- vol. 180- 283 vols. $1,801.80 ($198 annual upkeep)

5. Shepard's United States Citations. Colorado Springs: Shepard. 1968. 5 vols. $145.00 ($48 annual upkeep)

6. Shepard's Federal Citations. Colorado Springs: Shepard. Federal Supplement; Federal Reporter, 2d Series. 201-390 vol. (6th ed.). 1969 Series. $90.00 ($48 annual upkeep)

7. Rules of local federal district courts. Free from court clerks.

B. General Materials

1. Amsterdam, Anthony. Trial Manual for the Defense of Criminal Cases. 2d. ed. Philadelphia: ALI-ABA. 1972. (loose-leaf) $35.00

2. Bailey, F. Lee and Henry B. Rothblatt. Complete Manual of Criminal Forms. Federal and State. Rochester: Lawyers Co-op/San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney. 1968. $35.00 ($7 annual upkeep)

3. Ballentine, James A. Ballentine's Law Dictionary (3d ed. by James A. Anderson). Rochester: Lawyers Co-op/San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney. 1969. $15.00

   or

   Black, Henry C. Black's Law Dictionary (Rev. 4th ed.) St. Paul: West. 1968. $14.50

4. Cohen, Morris L. Legal Research in a Nutshell (2d ed.). St. Paul: West. 1971. $4.50

5. Criminal Law Reporter. Washington, D.C.: BNA Weekly. 2 vols. (loose-leaf) $148.00 first year ($138 annually thereafter)

6. Fox, Sanford J. Juvenile Courts in a Nutshell. St. Paul: West. 1971. $4.50

7. Israel, Jerold H. and Wayne R. LaFave. Criminal Procedure in a Nutshell. St. Paul: West. 1971. $5.00

8. Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual; How to Bring a Federal Suit Against Abuses in Prison. San Francisco (558 Capp St., 94110): Prison Law Collective. 1973. Free for prisoners.

9. Krantz, Sheldon. Cases and Materials on the Law of Corrections and Prisoner's Rights. St. Paul: West. 1973. $17.50

10. A Manual on Habeas Corpus for Jail and Prison Inmates. Written and compiled by the Prison Law Project. In cooperation with the Barristers Club of San Francisco. Berkeley (P.O. Box 673, 64701): Legal Publications. 1973. $2.50

11. Prison Law Reporter. Seattle (15th Floor Hoge Bldg., 98104): Administration of Criminal Justice and Prison Reform Committee, Young Lawyers Section, American Bar Association. 1971- Subscription: $14.00 a yr. ($5 a year for prisoners.)

12. Prisoner's Rights Sourcebook: Theory, Litigation, Practice. Compiled and edited by Michele G. Hermann and Marilyn G. Haft. New York: Clark Boardman. 1973. $19.50

13. Rudovsky, David. The Rights of Prisoners: The Basic ACLU Guide to Prisoners Rights. New York: Avon Books. 1973. $0.95

14. Sokol, Ronald P. Federal Habeas Corpus (2d ed.). Charlottesville: Michie. 1969. $25.00

II. Additional Materials for State Prisons

1. Reports of highest and intermediate appellate courts of state. 1960-

2. State statutes compilation.

3. State digest of court decisions.

4. Shepard's Citations for state.

5. Treatise covering state criminal practice and procedure.

6. Volume containing rules of state courts, if available, otherwise, rules obtainable free from clerks of some state courts.

Notes: 1. All materials should be kept up-to-date by supplementation.

2. All prices are subject to change and do change from time to time.

3. Checklists of materials for each state are available on request from A.A.L.L. Headquarters, 53 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604

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Federal	Initial Growth	Yearly Growth
U.S. Code Annotated	20"	4"
U.S. Code Service	12"	2"
U.S. Reports	13'	10"
Supreme Court Reporter	6'	9"
U.S. Supreme Court Reports (L.Ed.)	4' 6"	4"
Federal Reporter 2d	40'	5'
Federal Supplement	35'	4'
Shepard's U.S. Citations	18"	1"
Shepard's Federal Citations	5"	1"
Rules of Local Federal District Courts	1"	
General		
Treatises and Dictionary	1' 6"	2"

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CHECKLIST TWO: EXPANDED COLLECTION FOR PRISON LAW LIBRARIES

I. Materials for both Federal and State Prisons

A. Federal Materials

1. United States Code Annotated. St. Paul: West. 164 vols. $992.00*

   or

   United States Code Service (Lawyer's Edition). Rochester: Lawyers Co-op/San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney. 53 vols. $20.00 per month (until 6/30/75)

2. United States Reports. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office. 1950- vol. 340- 69 vols. $437.60 ($36.50 annual upkeep)

   or

   Supreme Court Reporter. St. Paul: West. 1950- vol. 71- 33 vols. $377.00 ($45 annual upkeep)

   or

   United States Supreme Court Reports (Lawyer's Edition). Rochester: Lawyers Co-op/san Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney. 1950-1956. vol. 95-100 6 vols.

   _____. 2d ed. Rochester: Lawyers Co-op/San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney. 1957- vol. 1- 35 vols. $648.00**

3. Federal Reporter. (2d Series). St. Paul: West. 1950- vol. 179- 306 vols. $2,907.30 ($198 annual upkeep)

4. Federal Supplement. St. Paul: West. 1950- vol. 88- 275 vols. $2,630.00 ($198 annual upkeep)

5. Modern Federal Practice Digest. St. Paul: West. 1960-61. 95 vols. $1,322.25 ($250 annual upkeep)

6. Shepard's United States Citations. Colorado Springs: Shepard. 1968. 5 vols. $145.00 ($48 annual upkeep)

7. Shepard's Federal Citations. Colorado Springs: Shepard. 1969. 4 vols. $145.00 ($48 annual upkeep)

* Includes 3 years pocket parts; 2 years of recompiled volumes; 2 years of U.S. Code Congressional and Administrative News; 2 years Federal Tax Regulations.

** Includes United States Supreme Court Reports Digest.

8. Wright, Charles A. Federal Practice and Procedure. St. Paul: West. 1969. vols. 1-3 (Criminal). $85.50 ($15 annual upkeep)

   or

   Orfield, Lester B. Criminal Procedure Under The Federal Rules. Rochester: Lawyers Co-op/San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney. 1966-68. 7 vols. $192.50 ($17.50 annual upkeep)

9. West's Federal Forms. St. Paul: West. 1952-68. 8 vols. in 10. Pocket Supplements. $150.00 ($32.50 annual upkeep)

10. Sokol, Ronald P. Federal Habeas Corpus. (2d ed.) Charlottesville, N.C.: Michie. 1969. $25.00

B. General Materials

1. Black, Henry C. Black's Law Dictionary. (Rev. 4th ed.) St. Paul: West. 1968. $14.50

   or

   Ballentine, James A. Ballentine's Law Dictionary. Rochester: Lawyers Co-op/San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney. 1969. $15.00

2. Criminal Law Reporter. Washington, D.C.: BNA. Weekly. 2 vols. (loose-leaf) $148.00 first year ($138 annually thereafter)

3. Amsterdam, Anthony. Trial Manual for the Defense of Criminal Cases. 2d ed. Philadelphia: ALI-ABA. 1972. (loose-leaf) $35.00

4. One or more of the following:

   a. Anderson Ronald. A. Wharton's Criminal Law and Procedure. Rochester: Lawyers Co-op/San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney. 1957. (13th ed.) 5 vols. (supplements) $115.00 ($18.50 annual upkeep)

   b. Israel, Jerold H. and Wayne R. LaFave. Criminal Procedure in a Nutshell. St. Paul: West. 1971. $5.00

   c. LaFave, Wayne R. and Austin Scott, Jr. Hornbook on Criminal Law. St. Paul: West. 1972. $13.50

5. Bailey, F. Lee and Henry Rothblatt. Complete Manual of Criminal Forms, Federal and State. Rochester: Lawyers Co-op/San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney. 1968. $35.00 ($7 annual upkeep)

6. Cohen, Morris L. Legal Research in a Nutshell. (2d ed.) St. Paul: West. 1971. $4.50

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11. One or more of the following:

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    b. Penal Digest International. Iowa City, Iowa: Penal Digest International, 1971- Monthly. $9.00 a year

12. Prisoner's Rights Sourcebook: Theory, Litigation, Practice. Compiled and edited by Michele G. Hermann and Marilyn G. Haft. New York: Clark Boardman, 1973. $19.50

13. Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory. Summit, N.J.: Martindale-Hubbell. Annual. 5 vols. $90.00 a year.

14. Criminal Law Bulletin. Boston: Warren, Gorham & Lamont. Monthly. $28.00 a year.

II. Additional Materials for State Prisons

1. Set of annotated statutes of state.

2. State session laws subsequent to coverage in annotated statutes and supplements, if not covered by legislative service of annotated statutes publisher.

3. Court reports of appellate courts of state, 1950- .

4. Digest of court decisions of state.

5. Shepard's Citations for state.

6. Rules of state courts not covered in annotated statutes. Single volume edition preferred, if available; otherwise, free copies may be obtained from clerks of some courts.

7. State legal encyclopedia, if any.

8. One or more state practice books (with forms) on evidence, criminal law and procedure.

Note: 1. It is recommended that complete sets of the court reports listed be purchased, if funds are available, beginning with volume one of each set.

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Modern Federal Practice Digest	17'	9"
Shepard's U.S. Citations	1' 3"	1"
Shepard's Federal Citations	12"	1"
Wright, Charles A., Federal Practice and Procedure	9"	1"
Orfield, Lester B., Criminal Procedure Under the Fed. Rules	1' 2"	1"
Sokol, Ronald P., Federal Habeas Corpus	2"	-
West's Federal Forms	3'	
General		
Black, Henry C., Black's Law Dictionary	4"	-
Ballentine, James A., Ballentine's Law Dictionary	3"	-
Criminal Law Reporter	6"	6"
Amsterdam, Anthony, Trial Manual for the Defense of Criminal Cases	3"	-
Anderson, Ronald A., Wharton's Criminal Law and Procedure	1' 6"	-
Israel, Jerold H. & Wayne R. LaFave, Criminal Procedure in a Nutshell	1"	-
LaFave, Wayne R. & Austin Scott, Jr., Hornbook on Criminal Law	3"	-
Bailey, F. Lee & Henry Rothblatt, Complete Manual of Criminal Forms, Federal and State	3"	½"
Cohen, Morris L., Legal Research in a Nutshell	3"	-
Fox, Sanford J., Juvenile Courts in a Nutshell	1"	-
Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual	1"	-
Krantz, Sheldon, Cases and Materials on the Law of Corrections and Prisoner's Rights.	2"	-
Manual on Habeas Corpus for Jail and Prison Inmates.	1"	-
Prison Law Reporter	1"	1"
Penal Digest International	2"	1"
Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory	1' 9"	-
Criminal Law Bulletin	3"	3"
Prisoners' Rights Sourcebook	3"	-
Rudovsky, David, The Rights of Prisoners	½"	-

Publisher's Directory

American Bar Association	American Bar Association American Bar Center 1155 East 60th St. Chicago, Illinois 60637
ALI-ABA	Joint Committee of American Law Institute and American Bar Association 4025 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, Penna. 19104
Avon Books	Avon Books 9009 Eighth Ave. New York, New York 10011
Bancroft-Whitney	Bancroft-Whitney Co. 301 Brannan San Francisco, Calif. 94107
BNA	Bureau of National Affairs 1231 - 25th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037
Clark Boardman	Clark Boardman Co., Ltd. 435 Hudson St. New York, New York 10014
Lawyers Co-op	Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co. Acqueduct St. Rochester, New York 14603
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